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Upshur County woman admits to drug and counterfeit charges

ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA –Johnna Dee Courtney, of Buckhannon, West Virginia, has admitted to methamphetamine and counterfeit charges, U.S. Attorney Bill Powell announced.

Courtney, age 39, pled guilty to one count of “Possession with Intent to Distribute 50 grams or more of Methamphetamine” and one count of “Possession of Counterfeit Obligations.” Courtney admitted to distributing more than fifty grams of “crystal” methamphetamine, also known as “ice,” in May 2019 in Upshur County. She also admitted to having 95 counterfeit \$100 bills in her possession.

Courtney faces at least five years and up to 40 years incarceration and a fine of up to \$5,000,000 for the drug count, and faces up to 20 years incarceration and a fine of up to \$250,000 for the counterfeit count. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Brandon S. Flower is prosecuting the case on behalf of the government. The Mountain Lakes Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force and the United States Secret Service investigated.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael John Aloï presided.